

Application No.: 10/669,503

Docket No.: 21581-00256-US1

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 33-37 are now in the application.

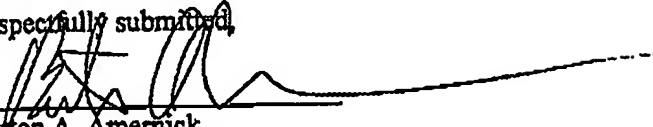
Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group II and drawn to an enzyme having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or derivatives thereof. Claims 12-17 are directed to the elected invention. Claims 1-11, 18 and 33-37 are drawn to the non-elected invention and may be cancelled by the Examiner upon allowance of the claims directed to the elected invention. In addition, applicant hereby elects 5-acetylfuro [2,3-c] pyridine as a species. 5-acetylfuro [2,3-c] pyridine is a compound within the scope of formula 3. Claims 12-17 read on the elected species.

Each of the presently elected pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00256-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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